I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW. DATE: NAVEMBER 13, 200 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE : Group Art Unit: 1775 Patent Application of In re: Nanning J. Arfsten, et al. Appln. No.: 09/437,948 : Examiner: J. McNeil IAN 0 8 2000 Conf. No.: 8672 Filed: November 10, 1999 . For: NIOBIUM OXIDE-BASED LAYERS : Attorney Docket FOR THIN FILM OPTICAL COATINGS No. 275-3 AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including November 16, 2001 for responding to the Office Action mailed July 16, A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing) [X] No. 200275.0003) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed. Extension fee in the amount of \$___.00. $[\]$ Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee. Respectfully submitted, NANNING ARFSTEN, ET AF CALDERONE Registration No. 35,837 AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P. 01/14/2002 SDUONG 00000167 09437948 One Commerce Square 55.00 OP 2005 Market Street - Suite 2200 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7086 Telephone: (215) 965-1200 Direct Dial: (215) 965-1272

Facsimile: (215) 965-1210

E-Mail: lcalderone@akingump.com

LLC:cjsc **Enclosures**

01 FC:215